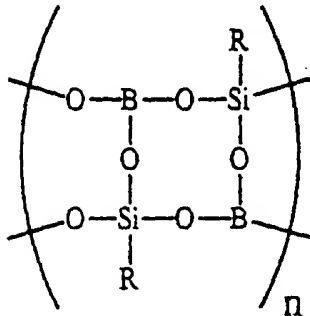


7. (Amended) The flame retardant according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein said polymer has the following structure within the molecule:



in which R represents a univalent substituent capable of being bonded to a silicon atom and the plurality of R groups may be the same or different and at least one of the plurality of R groups is a univalent organic group having an aromatic ring and n represents a number not less than 1.

8. (Amended) The flame retardant according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein said polymer has a weight average molecular weight of not less than 1,000

and not lower than 1 g of said polymer is dissolved per 100 ml of the solvent toluene.

9. (Amended) The flame retarding according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein said polymer is obtainable

by mixing one or more boron compounds with one or more silicon compounds represented

by  $\text{SiR}^n\text{X}_3$ ,

in which R'' represents a univalent organic group, X represents one or more selected from among halogen atoms, a hydroxyl group and hydroxyl-derived dehydration condensation products and the plurality of X may be the same or different,

subjecting the mixture to polymerization,

then adding one or more silicon compounds represented by  $\text{SiR}''_3\text{X}$ , in which R'' and X are as defined above,

and allowing the reaction to proceed.

10. (Amended) a flame retardant resin composition

which contains 100 parts by weight of a resin and 0.1 to 50 parts by weight of the flame retardant according to claim 1 or 2.